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Former Sen. Francisco Told yesterday earned President Macapagal-Arroyo against an election last night.  
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DOJ, BIR blame each other for bungled smuggling

By Michael Lee Uban and Armand N. Nocum

AS EARLY AS 2001, THE REGISTRATION PAPERS of two currency operations belonging to members of top smuggling circles had been issued by the Bureau of Customs and Exchange Control, but the Department of Justice Thursday did nothing to go after their top officials.

DOJ-A2

# 'Restiveness may erupt'

## Biazon warns, if crackdown continues; but AFP says no amnesty

By Dina Z. Pascual, TJ Bergonia and Gil C. Cabanatuan Jr.

THE ARMED FORCES yesterday declared that no amnesty was forthcoming for "habitual delinquents" as Sen. Rodolfo Biazon warned that the crackdown on suspected coup plotters could fan military "restiveness into action."

"The trend of the [AFP] is no amnesty because of the losses incurred. We have habitual delinquents. There are the same persons who were involved in incidents in the late '80s," said military spokesperson Col. Trina Kimo.

Kimo did not name names, but Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim of the South Wing and Col. Ardel Juanatan of the Marine Corps—both accused at their trial years for allegedly planning to withdraw support from President Macapagal-Arroyo last Feb. 24—led the bloody coup attempt against the Arroyo administration then in 1998.

The two men and the rest of the rebel Young Officers Union (YO) were later granted amnesty by the Ramos administration.

The crackdown has extended to the Marine Corps, with Brig. Gen. Nelson Alipio, its new commander, ordering a probe of the Feb. 26 standstill at the Marine headquarters by four rebels. Quaintan led Marines in protesting the sudden relief of the then commander, Maj. Gen. Renato Biliarda.

The Army is conducting its own investigations into the supposed coup plot and has reported



**BROKEN HEARTS, BROKEN LIVES**

Showered at a beauty parlor before the killing of two men and the woman they both loved. The tragedy happened inside a beauty salon where glass facade was cracked by bullets in Supermarket Pilososa Road 8, Bataan Hills, Quezon City (Story in Metro, Page A1).

Now it can be told: Why 'withdrawal' plot failed

By Tony S. Bergonia

(Editor's Note: For obvious reasons, earlier for this story would have been an omission, but they are known to the editors to be in a position to have had a first-hand knowledge of the events leading to the Feb. 24 aborted "withdrawal" support.)

THE COUNTRY CAME CLOSE TO being run by what its soldiers were to describe as a military commander group that planned to take over government briefly and force the immediate holding of elections and the restoration of its over-when President Macapagal-Arroyo had really won the May 2004 election.

Issues close to a group of generals and colonels who drew the blueprint for the takeover and the plan called for a bloodless takeover with the highest officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines doing only one thing—withdrawing support from their Commander in Chief.

The move, as AFP leaders said, all the major senior commanders—the chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force—were involved about the plan.

As, however, representatives will agree to be considered to, or to test or the solution. The only senior commander who would have nothing to do with the plan was Army Chief of Gen. Hermogenes B. Espino, according to the source.

"He (Espino) was afraid that if a new government is in place, he would be investigated

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## GMA to review, may amend mining law

By Christian V. Esguerra

APPARENTLY MOVING TO PRESERVE the national Catholic Church, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday agreed to review the controversial Mining Act of 1995, a law that opened local ownership of local mining projects to foreign investors.

After a two-hour, closed-door

meeting with five Catholic bishops at the Trinitarian Hall in Manila, the President issued the order from the country's most active mining areas that the world would have the mining law reviewed and possibly amended.

The bishops earlier assailed Republic Act No. 7950, otherwise known as the Mining Act of 1995, for allegedly "destroying life" and

called for the revocation of all mining concessions.

Mr. Arroyo was accompanied by Speaker Jose de Venecia, Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes, National Economic Development Authority chief Romulo Neri and Presidential Chief of Staff Michael Debesa.

"We agreed with our beloved bishops that we will review the

Mining Act immediately." De Venecia said speakers after the meeting. He said he would ask the Congress committee on environment and natural resources headed by Rep. Leopoldo Evaristo to immediately look at the possible amendment of provisions in the Mining Act.

The Speaker said Congress would integrate the stronger

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## Tan, Sy, Zobel on Forbes billionaires' list

THE PHILIPPINES MAY BE regarded as a poor country, but it apparently has enough capacity to produce three billionaires (in dollars), according to Forbes magazine's annual list released yesterday.

The number of people whose wealth reached \$1 billion stood at a record 793, an increase of 182 from the previous year. This includes tobacco king Lucio Tan, Asia's mail king, Henry Sy and the owner of the Philippines' largest conglomerate, Jaime Zobel de

Ayala and family according to the magazine's list for 2006.

Tan ranked No. 71, at \$1.78 billion, followed by Sy, at \$1.58 billion, and family at No. 512 with \$1.5 billion and Ayala, 71, and family at No. 616 with \$1.38 billion.

Microsoft founder Bill Gates gained ground at the top of the magazine's ranking as the world's wealthiest person added \$600 million to their net worth.

The \$30-billion fortune of Gates, in fact places for the 12th straight year, marked an increase of \$3.5 billion from the 2005 list.

The magazine said strong markets around the world contributed to the surge in wealth, as the net net worth of the list jumped to \$2.4 trillion—more than the annual gross domestic product of Germany.

"Making a billion just isn't what it used to be," observed Forbes associate editor Louis Kroll, who noted that the number of billionaires had grown by more than 300 in the past three years.

## Bulacan now killing fields of militants

By Carmelo Reyes and Tommaso Orsini  
JIV General Liaison Unit

CITY OF BALAGUEN—BULACAN has turned into a "killing field" of members and leaders of militant groups, an official of a human rights group in the province said following the murder of another militant leader on Thursday.

Santiago Trancera, chair of the Bagong Alyanang Demokratiko in Bulacan, was gunned down as he was driving in Marikina Park on 8 p.m. Thursday. He was the 28th militant leader killed in the province in 2005 and the 47th in General Santos, according to recent records.

Dr. Roberto de Leon, spokesperson of the Alyanang

BULACAN-A1

## DepEd gives 68 Leyte orphans scholarships

By Joey A. Gubietta  
PVC Division Office  
and Cynthia D. Balana

THE CEBU CITY—THE DEPARTMENT of Education has awarded 68 high school students of Bataan, Cebu, orphans, orphaned during the Feb. 17 killer landslide in Southern Leyte, that they would finish their studies.

Senior regional director announced this Thursday during the launch of the "Project Orphans" "Bataan Orphans" under St. Bernard's School, Cebu, that they would be given scholarship grants and financial assistance through a trust fund set up by the DepEd.

Under the project, orphaned students—mostly—of

Alfredo Sison, DepEd

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# The World

Editor Laurens B. Goco

## Dubai firm dumps US ports deal, rescues Bush from furor

WASHINGTON—A DUBAI GOVERNMENT-OWNED company said Thursday it will sell its US port operations in a move that spared President George W. Bush a showdown with Congress.

Dubai Ports World (DP World) made the announcement after being rebuffed by the US House of Representatives. The move would have allowed the US to prevent the company from operating US ports. The deal was a joint venture between the United Arab Emirates and the United States and to prevent the company from operating US ports. The deal was a joint venture between the United Arab Emirates and the United States and to prevent the company from operating US ports.

The deal, which would have given DP World operational control of ports in Baltimore, New York, Miami, New Jersey, New Orleans and Philadelphia.

The company previously had agreed to a new 40-year deal of the deal by US action this. The agreement was made in US World earlier and it had completed the \$6.5-billion takeover of British firm Ferrettermar and Overseas Marine Services (company O and M).

**Bomb hits Thailand, but Thaksin won't declare emergency**  
BANGKOK—THAILAND'S TOP security official today said that the government would not declare emergency rule and a deepening political crisis, a day after a suicide bomb exploded and killed the leader of a senior royalist faction.

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## Americans no longer see Bush as strong leader

WASHINGTON—A DISSENTING member of people, particularly Republicans, disagree with President George W. Bush's performance, questions his character and no longer considers him a strong leader against terrorism, according to a new poll from a public opinion organization.

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## Yao Ming bests 'geisha' as China No. 1 celebrity

BKING—HONGKONG—YAO MING, the Chinese basketball star, has been named the most popular celebrity in China, ahead of the actress Zhang Ziyi.



## Taiwan cops find \$400M in laundering crackdown

TAIPEI—Taiwanese authorities have found nearly \$400 million in cash hidden in a laundry business, after cracking the island's largest money-laundering operation.

## US to close Iraq 'prison of shame'

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## 9 Japanese dead in two separate suicide pacts

TOYO—Nine people were killed in two separate suicide pacts in Japan, the latest victims in a shocking series of the number of Japanese killing themselves in groups, police said Friday.

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## Pasig drug lairs busted

By William C. Treadwell Jr.

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## NCRAA

## Doves grab 7th crown

LEADER: Doves (left) and Philando Amador (right) celebrate their victory in the 2006 National Capital Region Athletic Union (NCRAA) basketball tournament.

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## Suns lose shine against hot Spurs

**PHOENIX**—TUNY PARKER poured in 20 points and back court partner Maza Giavelli chipped in with 18 as the San Antonio Spurs damped the Suns, 117-99, on Thursday.

The Suns trailed 35 for the first half of the game, after a scorching 15 points on the way to collecting their eighth win in nine games by winning the final quarter 41-11.

Spurs forward Tim Duncan led with 18 points and Steve Nash added 11. Parker added 20 points and 11 rebounds and Steve Nash added 11 points and 11 rebounds. Parker added 20 points and 11 rebounds and Steve Nash added 11 points and 11 rebounds.

The Suns scored the first basket but it would be their only lead of the game as the

Suns followed up with a 10-0 run and Parker led with 20 points.

After the break, the Suns continued to pour it on, opening up a 20-point advantage before trailing 99-79 at the 11:30 mark.

In Philadelphia, Grizzlies forward Pau Gasol led with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

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PHOTO: Giavelli won for a happy

## Sta. Elena, Highlands dominate 39th Capati golf

STA. ELENA CAPATI GOLF TOOK PLACE at the Sta. Elena Golf Course on Thursday. Sta. Elena and Highlands dominated the 39th Capati Golf tournament.

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# SPORTS

### Arcilla turns back Anasta, captures Kobe Gakuin Cup

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ated by Cammy Folsberg, a treasurer of Hills Dairy, and, Richard Ko and Robert Angelo in the KP Davis Co. were in the 1980s.

"Picking up this event is my way of helping my little Filipinos players," says the 30-year-old Panchang, who is in his third year as head coach of the racing Nike Calicut University team. "This movement is

also part of Microsoft's training program.<sup>10</sup>

Under Polakowsky, who also coached members of Japan's national junior team and women players, the Kaisei Gakuen University squad ended a 10-year-old title drought by winning last year's Chichibu Cup title in the Kansai-Gakuen League. The title (history) promise of the school to Chichibu (play this year).



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# Sharon needs stronger support

By Dave Karger

report that the Oscars, and I end up endorsing her as a good thing that our country is trying to take up for others.

It was a good thing that our country is trying to take up for others.

Head home: The Oscars are about to start, but Sharon Stone is still in the hospital.

made a return" is simply too difficult a topic for a TV show. As a result, the discussion centered on a lot of details, but her helpful first

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## Consumers see better times ahead

### BSP survey notes favorable job outlook

By Owen C. Dunbar

**PHILIPINO HOUSEHOLDS SEE BETTER TIMES AHEAD AND PLAN TO buy more assets this year in anticipation of favorable employment conditions here and abroad, the latest Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' survey showed.**

The consumer expectations poll for the first quarter revealed that overall consumer outlook in the Philippines improved to an all-time high since the BSP started the quarterly household survey in 2004 as a guide to its monetary management.

The BSP's latest survey indicated that confidence would boost the purchase of consumer durables, housing and financial assets within the quarter ahead.

"Consumers did report optimistic about their household financial condition and the country's economic state in the first quarter of 2008 and the next 12-month period," BSP Governor Amanda Maung said. "The overall confidence indices for all consumers—

including those in the current quarter, next quarter and for the next 12 months—were on an upward and at their peak despite an improved increase in income arising from better business conditions and more employment opportunities."

The confidence index (CI) is the percentage of respondents who answered in the affirmative how they viewed negatively in a given indicator. A negative CI indicates a low degree of pessimism regarding confidence levels.

The respondents—consisting of 2,333 households within the National Capital Region picked at random from Jan. 20 to 26—also indicated their rising optimism to investment in

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Prices still going up

Consumers' inflation rate rose to 3.6% in a full percentage point in 1-4 quarter. From 0.7 percentage point in 4th quarter of 2007, inflation rate rose to 3.6% in 1-4 quarter of 2008. Inflation rate rose to 3.6% in 1-4 quarter of 2008.



Source: National Statistical Office  
 Inflation 1-4 quarter, 2008

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### ON LOWER ELECTRONICS SHIPMENTS

## Exports down 0.7% in January to \$3.26B

By Michael V. Ramos

**DECREASING EXPORTS** caused by 0.7 percent in January to \$3.26 billion from a year ago, pulled down by the decline in shipments of the electronics sector, which is linked to the lack of a large market share in foreign companies.

Decreases from the National Statistical Office also reflected electronics exports, which account for the bulk of Philippine exports,

slipped 2.2 percent to \$2.13 billion in January.

According to Dunbar, economic professor at the University of the Philippines, said the decline in the decline in electronics exports is consistent in global demand but also to the aggressive marketing by neighboring countries.

In fact, Malaysia, Thailand and China were going single competitive to local electronics firms and could probably not a

substantial share of the Philippine export market.

"The worry part is that a slow export may be perceived given that electronics exports of other countries are growing. We have not prepared enough for this. We should have diversified our exports a long time ago," Dunbar said in an interview.

He said uncertainty in the political environment could have also contributed to the decline in exports. Imports continued to

remain that instability might disrupt supply and therefore cause to lose their competitive share in the market, Dunbar explained.

But the government is looking to keep their competitive share in the market, Dunbar explained.

Dunbar, director of policy and planning of the National Economic and Development Authority, said

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# BUSINESS

## PCCI calls on gov't to temper peso movement

### Too strong currency could hurt local exports, business group says

By Rosalind P. Dela Cruz

THE PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and industry promptly asked the government to correct the fluctuations in long-term peso value to avoid "damages to the economy."

PCCI president Donald E. Lee said the group is worried to maintain the direction of the country to avoid speculative and arbitrage impact on the stability and competitiveness of its exports.

PCCI's member number is near 20,000 nationwide, including small and medium companies, many of which are engaged in the export of various products.

Lee said members expressed mixed feelings on the rapid appreciation of the peso over the last year and a half month, when it had substantially strengthened 5 percent.

The peso was valued at 50.46 to the dollar as of the end of trading on March 9.

For another trend in the long-run exchange rate, along with the continued gain in the peso market and actual investment coming into the country, he said that business confidence will increase but uncertainty will remain.

"An appreciating peso certainly will reduce our interest expense and all bills," he said. "But it also has the negative effect of making our exports uncompetitive, which ultimately might impact on our ability to maintain present jobs in the country and thus have a negative effect on jobs."

"We also must consider the effects of a strong peso on the stability of our com-



PCCI

pete market because when peso would remain low, peso for the same dollar is more profitable," Lee added.

He said PCCI was calling for the government to adopt policies that would address changes in the exchange rate and avoid speculation in stabilizing their stability and competitiveness.

"If the government could also make available refinancing windows, give incentives to modernize facilities to increase productivity, improve infrastructure to reduce transport costs, and other measures to mitigate the adverse impact of exporters," Lee said.

He said he believes that government intervention was needed to address economic stability and to further enhance economic growth and development.



Heald, owner of Heald's coffee, said global demand for coffee beans has been increasing, but that supply in the country has declined over the years. It is a challenge for farmers to keep productivity high, such as by creating nurseries in Maguinday, Davao City.

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## DA expects rise in abaca exports

By Christine A. Gagliano

THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT expects abaca exports to rise this year due to the recovery of the market for the product.

Philippine abaca pulp is now being used for composite panels of heavy duty—other than as filters and food containers—valued at \$1.5 million, according to the department.

There is enough room for growth of between 5 to 10 percent this year, PDA said.

The Fiber Industry Development Authority (FIDA), an attached agency of the DA, said that one of these can manufacture the quality of abaca pulp.

There is a significant growth demand especially for the abaca pulp, but the local supply has not been sufficient, said an official from another agency, the Philippine Paper Co.

The government intends to take this position with the private sector, he said.

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## LBP opens P6-B loan facility for local gov't

By Dennis C. Dizon

THE LBP HAS OPENED A P6-B loan facility for local government units (LGUs) to fund infrastructure projects.

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## Cost effectiveness of green buildings

ONE POLICE RECOGNIZED GREEN BUILDINGS are not easily accepted by many people in the widespread misconception that they cost more to build than conventional construction. On the contrary, new data indicate that green costs for green buildings may be more than offset by long-term savings. Green a specific project longer and, low-cost design will maximize the benefits of green planning and design, to ensure that green is not an add-on to the final stage of a project.

Green buildings can be cost-effective when properly designed, principles are applied. The type, materials to green buildings that, despite the use of construction materials in the use of materials of resources like labor, materials and energy use.

### Economic benefits

A green building may cost more up front, but a green building may save money over the life of the building. The concept is called the life-cycle cost analysis.

The application of life-cycle cost analysis is not new. A life-cycle cost analysis of this concept directly relates to green buildings. It is the concept that the design of a project or material has better performance, the better it is to be constructed. A life-cycle cost analysis is the use of resources, materials and the working and repair of materials.

There are many ways to reduce costs when a project is advanced in the initial stage of a project. One way is to use the most and materials of a project (green building). The whole construction team should approach the project as an integrated system rather than a series of separate projects.

With a tight budget, many green building projects can be incorporated with existing or new construction to create a green building.

• **Site selection.** Starting with the site, keeping the cost of the land down is not only an economic benefit but it is also an economic benefit. This is a key factor in the design of a green building, which is a key factor in the design of a green building. Another factor is to build a house. Another factor is to build a house. Another factor is to build a house.

• **Design and construction.** The next step is to design the building. The design of a building is a key factor in the design of a green building. The design of a building is a key factor in the design of a green building. The design of a building is a key factor in the design of a green building.

• **Interior space planning.** One of the most important factors in the design of a green building is the interior space planning. The interior space planning is a key factor in the design of a green building. The interior space planning is a key factor in the design of a green building. The interior space planning is a key factor in the design of a green building.

• **Renovation and addition.** By renovating existing buildings and incorporating new features, it will be helpful in identifying opportunities to save money. Renovation is a key factor in the design of a green building. Renovation is a key factor in the design of a green building. Renovation is a key factor in the design of a green building.

For example, adding energy-efficient windows can help an owner save money on energy bills. Another way to save money is to use the most and materials of a project (green building). The whole construction team should approach the project as an integrated system rather than a series of separate projects.

It is important to note that green buildings are not a one-size-fits-all solution. Each project is unique and requires a customized approach. However, the principles of green building can be applied to a wide range of projects, from small residential homes to large commercial buildings.

By following these principles, owners and designers can create green buildings that are not only environmentally friendly but also cost-effective. The benefits of green buildings are many, and the time has come when they should be a standard part of the building process.

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His name was called and Christian Vasquez screamed with joy, as though he won. And in some ways, he really did

## Evicted and ecstatic

By Tim Tapp and Pam Foster  
Photo: Pam Foster

**I**F YOU WATCHED *EMOY* BIG brother Celebrity Edition's last eviction night with your television on mute, you would have thought that model slash actor Christian Vasquez had just been declared the winner. He jumped up and screamed with joy when they called out his name—a strange thing to do for someone who had just been evicted.

But Christian had his reasons. "Sobong realized also. So he just saw me and he was like, 'I wanted to see you.'"

In episode two, Vasquez and Christian had about 10 minutes to make the house, the contestants and the biggest house to be evicted during the 24-hour rule. In the house.

There were many factors that contributed to his desire to leave. "I was going to go with the house. I was like, 'I want to go with the house. I want to go with the house. I want to go with the house.'"

But the biggest factor was his childhood. "Christian has been with me since I was 10. He was 10 and 7 years old. 'I want to go with the house. I want to go with the house. I want to go with the house.'"

### Ready to leave

Days before the eviction, you can see that the three people nominated were praying hard—and Christian was probably the only one praying to be evicted. "I want to go with the house. I want to go with the house. I want to go with the house."

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## BY DANIEL SHELTON



#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



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By David Milman

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On the other side of the dog is the world's his; I sit at the moment, in Vienna. The whole time around has been waiting for this musical genius to come to our shores and our time has felt entirely empty. Having been the first CD to perform in the World Olympics, CD Tibor has earned the bar when it comes to future music. He has combined different elements in his songs and wondrously come up with amazing tracks that make us all dance till we drop. CD Tibor's live concert is truly a musical journey to see.

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